(c) In view of (b) above question does not arise. As regards lobbying by a private cellular company for CMD, MTNL, Department of Telecom Services, which is the Administrative Department concerned, has informed that no such instance/ information has come to its notice.

Backlog of vacancies for SCs/STs

2136. SHRI BALWANT STNGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI GANDHI AZAD: SHRI R.N. ARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have stopped filling the backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs as per the vacancy based rosters w.e.f. 29th August, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of 'backlog vacancies' reserved for SCs/STs under vacancy based rosters unfilled as on 20th August, 1997 in Class, I, II, III and IV categories under GOI, Public Sector undertakings, Banks and Financial corporations; and

(d) the reasons for not filling the said vacancies through 'special drives' as most of the vacancies arose prior to Indira Sawhney judgement of 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) In implementation of the judgement of the Supreme Court in the R.K. Sabharwal case, the Government issued orders on 2.7.1997 in terms of which the earlier vacancy based rosters were replaced by the post based rosters. Consequently, all vacancies are required to be filled up on the basis of post based rosters with effect from that date.

(d) Six special recruitment drives were carried out between 1989 and 1996 to fill up the backlog vacancies.